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Heritage Celebration 2000

A 'Must-Attend Event' for every SCV Compatriot!



Saturday, January 8, 1999 Columbia, South Carolina—Come join us at a special day of celebrating the history and heritage of the South. The event will feature music from authentic Confederate marching bands, Confederate reenactors in full uniform, and a great time to celebrate the honorable history of the South.

10:00 am—Memorial Service, at Elmwood Cemetery featuring the 8th Georgia Regimental Band.

11:00 am—Prelude Concert at the Statehouse by the 11th North Carolina re-enactment band for those not participating in the parade.

11:00 am—Parade to Statehouse, led by Confederate re-enactors

12:00 Noon—Special music, inspiring speakers, and a great time on the Statehouse steps

1:30 pm—BBQ dinner, and more at the State Fairgrounds on Assembly St.

This event is sponsored by the South Carolina Heritage Coalition—www.kudzamedia.com/ and is endorsed by the SC Division!

A Message from the South Carolina Order of the Confederate Rose



The South Carolina Society of OCR has just started a new website. It will be altered and updated frequently in the next few months, so please check back often. I am an amateur, so please bear with me as I get started.

<http://homepages.msn.com/NonProfitBlvd/ocr2000/>

Items of special interest are: SCV4 is selling items to raise funds for the convention. Many of them are pictured here with ordering instruction. They are being assisted by the Mary Yates Snowden Chapter in Charleston.

Send this link to anyone you know who might have an interest in purchasing a flag-flown-over-the-statehouse, the colorful map print, or an "Adopt-a-Hunley-Crewman" copper cuff. The SCV Reunion 2000 medal is pictured. They are selling 138 numbered medals, and taking advance orders now. The medals that come with the SCV registration are unnumbered. This Year 2000 medal is sure to be a special souvenir. OCR Con-

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Reburial of 'Hagood Stadium' Confederate Veterans in Magnolia Cemetery



The funeral cortege proceeded from the Battery to Magnolia Cemetery. Here is pictured one of the artillery caissons with Confederate Soldiers' remains on it.

By Rev. C. Richard Barbare, Chaplain of the SC Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

In July 1871 the remains of eighty-six soldiers were returned from the Gettysburg battlefield to South Carolina, so the soldiers' remains could repose in their native soil. They were reinterred by the Ladies Memorial Association at Magnolia Cemetery, in Charleston.

On Friday, November 12, 1999, I was privileged to attend the largest re-burial of Confederate Soldiers in the Palmetto State since that 1871 event. Twenty-two soldiers and one child were among those reinterred. Why they had to be reburied is an interesting story.

The soldiers' remains originally were interred at an "old mariners cemetery" on the banks of the Ashley River on the present site of the Citadel's Johnson Hagood football stadium. The stadium was erected over the graveyard in 1948. (The graves were never relocated due to a supposed "clerical error." Someone simply removed the tombstones and poured concrete and asphalt over the graves.) After that they were forgotten, that is, for a while.

It seems God himself could bear it no longer that these brave men's graves had been desecrated. Members of the Secession Camp #4 of the SCV began Confederate Memo-

rials. Eventually, the trail led to the site of the Johnson Hagood stadium. After much discussion and diplomacy, the Citadel finally agreed to permit the SC Department of Archeology, the SC Hunley Commission, and the Confederate Heritage Trust to dig for the remains of the soldiers. (The stadium is slated for destruction and replacement in 2000.)

The remains of 12 unknown Confederate sailors were unearthed underneath the stadium's parking lot last year. They were reinterred in Magnolia Cemetery last year. The remains of the twenty-two soldiers were exhumed from the area of the Brigadier Room, an enclosed area for members of the Brigadier Foundation to eat during football games.

The remains of a 3 year-old child were found between two soldiers. It is not known who the child is or why he was buried in the Mariners Cemetery. It has been conjectured that he was a brother or child of one of the men and was buried there after dying of disease shortly after his brother or father, whichever the case may have been.

The following men were reinterred Friday, November 12, 1999 (The dates are dates of death):

Georgia Soldiers: J. Bell; William P. Brooks; F. Medaris (1/63); J. C. Shea (10/1564); William H. Sladd (10/11/64); J. Spear; and G. W. Summers (10/24/64).



A full contingent of reenactors accompanied the remains as an honor guard. The honor guard included artillery, infantry, and cavalry units.

rials Day services at Magnolia Cemetery in the early 1990s. They noticed a monument in the Soldiers' Plot dedicated to the sailors buried in the Mariners Cemetery across town. Research began immediately to locate the final resting-place of these Con-

North Carolina (navy): M. Burgess (12/3/64); John Cabel (10/26/64); J. Caswell (10/17/64); John Dobson

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Important Message from Our Commander



Fellow-Compatriots of the SC Division,

I am sure every member of the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, realizes we are in a "do or die" fight to preserve the Battleflag atop the Statehouse Dome; however, we are also engaged in a bitter struggle to defend the honor of our entire Confederate heritage. No detractor of the Confederate Battleflag can successfully espouse an alteration of the Battleflag's status without besmirching or casting in a negative light, the glorious truth of the Righteous Cause for which the Confederacy fought—self-determination. Any change in the Battleflag's status, whether off the dome in a supposed "honorable" position on the Statehouse grounds or removed completely to museum status, is ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE! Any so-called "compromise" would be dishonoring to the 20,000 plus South Carolinians who gave their lives for the cause and dishonoring to the more than 75,000 others who defended hearth and homeland from ruthless and barbarous invaders without giving their lives for the cause.

The Confederate soldier carried the Battleflag honorably and nobly from 1861 to 1865. Confederate Veterans and patriotic Southerners from 1865 to 1962 revered it. The Battleflag was honorably placed atop the Statehouse dome in 1962 flying honorably to the present day. No other symbol of the Confederate soldier is as recognized or enduring as the Confederate Battleflag. The Battleflag has attained revered status, not only in the Southern United States, but globally as well. All around the world, there are many people groups that can attest to the fact that the Battleflag is an exalted emblem of civil liberty and symbol of resistance to oppressively tyrannical rule. The Confederate Soldier forever immortalized these principles. We as their descendants must never be covered into apology or shame for any principles or ideals of our noble Confederate ancestors. In the paraphrased words of the Rev. R. L. Dabney, spoken in the late 1880s, "Don't bring shame or disgrace upon your heads as descendants of Confederate Veterans by failing to uphold both the memory and principles of their great struggle."

It is regrettable that seemingly well-intentioned Southerners have been sucked into the vortex of lies

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News from the Camps in the SC Division



First Brigade News

Samuel McGowan's Brigade



Olde Abbeville Camp #39, Abbeville—

Richard B. Sanders, Jr., editor, 106 Seenie Court, Greenwood, SC 29649

Compatriot Jim Klauber, a member of Olde Abbeville Camp #39, is a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, representing Greenwood's District 13. Representative Klauber recently sent a letter to the Newsletter Editor to be shared with all Camp #39 members. Thanks, Compatriot Klauber, for your stand and courage in protecting the majority of South Carolinians from those radical elements whose ultimate goal is to strip us of our heritage and rewrite the History of the 1861-1865 period!!!

New Officers for the year 2000 are as follows: Com. James Thomas Hinson, Lt. Com. David Brice Cook, Adj. Treas. Luther Brabham Dukes, Jr., Chaplain Lawrence Otto Ashley, Color Sgt. Frank Keith Cook, Historian Hugh Cook Brown, Jr., and Newsletter Editor Sanford Wallace Gray.

Brig. Gen. Samuel McGowan Camp #40, Laurens—

Mike Bryant, Commander, P.O. Box 453, Laurens, SC 29360-0453

Report on the Traveling Hunley Exhibit & Living History

I want to thank all who came out and helped with this very successful event. I believe that there were about 30 members of the McGowan Camp to come out and work. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful weekend. For those of you who haven't heard, the final count on the number of students to go through on Friday was 1875. On Saturday there seemed to be a steady stream of folks coming through all day. I've only heard positive things said by many people who went through and I think that we made contact with several prospective new members. Barry Miller, the driver of the Hunley Exhibit, said that this was the largest number of people to come through at any outing that the exhibit has been to yet.

Yours in service to the South, Mike Bryant, Commander.

2nd Regiment, SC Volunteers, Camp #71, Pickens—

"The Thin Gray Line," Trisha Masters, Editor, P.O. Box 1477, Pickens, SC 29671-1477 tdmasters@easley.net website: www.easley.net/caudel/ISSCV/camp71/index.html

Officers for the year of 2000 are as follows: Le Roy Caudell, Com; Barry Hollingsworth, 1st Lt. Com; Delayne Masters, 2nd Lt. Com; and Ken Waters, Chap-

lain. The other officers agreed to remain in office.

The November program was given by Scott Coleman on the Cannons of Chester, SC.

Palmetto Sharpshooters Camp #1428, Anderson, SC—

"Palmetto Sharpshooter," Dan Snipes, editor, 5322 Porter Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670, e-Mail: dansnipes@hotmail.com

Gregg Toney joined the Camp at the Sept. meeting.

The following article appeared in the *Anderson Intelligencer* on Thursday, August 3, 1869.

Death of Manson Jolly

"The news will be received with regret by the many friends of this bold and daring Confederate soldier. We learn that a private letter has been received, stating that Manson Jolly was drowned on the 8th of July near his home in Texas. He was building a residence on the opposite side of the creek from where he lived, and had crossed over on horseback several times during the day. The stream was greatly swollen, and in attempting to cross for the third or fourth time, he was carried with his horse down the creek, and in the struggle which ensued both were drowned. Mr. Jolly had been married about one year, and leaves a young wife, the daughter of a former citizen of Anderson. The thrilling exploits and adventures of Manson Jolly in this section of the country, immediately after the war closed, are fresh in the recollection of all. His name was a terror for a long time to the garrison of United States soldiers, especially the volunteer white and colored regiments stationed at this place. When the regular troops arrived, he removed to Texas, where he has since been leading a quiet and peaceful life."

Moses T. Fowler Camp #1721, Fountain Inn—

"The Fountain Pen," Carroll Hughes, editor, 452 Griffin Rd., Greenville, SC 29607

The speaker for the August 1999 meeting was Dr. Jerry L. Sloanwhite.

This Camp was first invited, and then, banned from participation in presenting a living history program at the South Greenville Fair held at Hillcrest High School this year. The reason given was that it could promote violence at the school. Former Division Commander Jack Marlar and Camp Commander Clyde Hughes tried in vain to get the school to change its mind. This was a terrible heritage violation!

16th SC Regt. Camp member Bill Johnson addressed the Camp in September on "Slavery."

Second Brigade News

Moses Wood Camp #125, Gaffney—

"The Rebel Yell," S.H. Dill-Little, editor, 109 S. Johnson St., Gaffney, SC 29340

The speaker at the August meeting was an artist from Williamson, SC, Mr. Tom Addison. He displayed two of his paintings: "The First Shot," and "The Last Shot."

New members: Charles and Kenny Ellison.

The speaker at the Sept. meeting was a librarian from Anderson County, Mr. Phillip Chaney. Mr. Chaney presented a musical pro-

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gram of WBTS selections.



The South Carolina Monument at Chickamauga on Snodgrass Hill is pictured above.

An account of the Reenactment of the Battle of Chickamauga, 1999

By: S.H. Dill-Little, Editor.

"I did not feel like a spectator, but more as a witness to history, where a window of time opened up and let me peek into the past. Across the acres of ground spread out before us, many things were occurring, all at the same time.

"To the front of us, an embankment of Union artillery and to the left, poised at the ready, the mounted cavalry of the Union. Toward the center-left, Confederate artillery was located on the side of the mountain, while center-right, a ridge held hoards of Yankee sharpshooters. Toward the right, as far as the eye could see, Confederate infantry marched behind mounted officers. Wave after wave came. Down below, more gray-clad Confederates moved across Reed's Bridge, which they had captured on an earlier skirmish that morning. In the center field, Regiments of Yankee's formed and marched toward the oncoming Confederate columns. Fire power was constant from both sides and it created a smoky mist over the valley below. Some wounded, from both armies, lay dead or dying near the creek, that separated the armies. Supply wagons made their way across the field and somewhere a drummer boy's cadence, mixed with the swells of a fife could be heard, among the noise of battle.

"The whole scene was like a magnet, pulling me closer. I was mesmerized as I constantly surveyed the landscape for any sign of the Palmetto Flag and a wishful glimpse of my soldier son, Pvt. Dill. I later learned he had marched under two different flags that day. The Flag of a Georgia unit and the Flag of a Florida Regiment and had been involved in the third assault on the ridge, where the Yankees refused to fall.

"The Confederates captured the Union artillery from near our vantage point and left a couple of Confederates to guard the captured Yankee artillery. One of the Yankees broke free and ran to escape. A chorus of voices, including mine, rang out in unison,

"Kill him!" Evidently a Northerner, close beside me, said, "Tough crowd." The Yankee was promptly shot and fell dead beside the creek bank.

"General Braxton Bragg walked among the spectators, offering commentary on the battle events. He explained troop movement, who was on the field and what regiments would arrive next. After the battle, regiments formed up for review, while constant activity took place all around you and on the field. No one could take it all in. ...

The speaker at the October Meeting was Lloyd Turner who presented a slide program on "the Confederate States Navy."

States Rights Gist Camp #1451, West Springs, SC

The Gist Gazette, Randy Hall, editor, 639 Stafford Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29302

"Rose Hill Lantern Tour Again A Crowd Pleaser"

A beautiful evening combined with great atmosphere and some very motivated reenactors and camp members made this year's annual Rose Hill Plantation Lantern Tour on September 25 a tremendous success. All three tour iterations were absolutely packed— even the late 10:00 tour. As always, tour participants left the grounds giving very favorable comments and compliments.

Thanks go to the Palmetto Battalion and other groups as well as the State Park Service for helping us bring our history and heritage to those folks who attended.

Camp Business—October Meeting

The October meeting was held on October 3rd. Commander Foster presented an excellent program on "the Flags of the War Between the States." He cleared up several common misconceptions about the various flags and went into detail about the evolution of the National Flag. It was great seeing all full size National Flags all together in one place.

"Rose Hill Reenactment Well-supported by Camp Members"

The camp provided outstanding support for this year's Rose Hill event on October 10th. Saturday was beautiful and many members turned out as reenactors or to provide logistical support for the event. Food sales were good and the camp table was active as well. A wedding on the grounds kept those members directing parking on their toes, seeking every available nook and cranny to squeeze cars into.

Although Saturday's attendance was decent, Sunday was marred by a torrential flood which lasted all day. Less than ten spectators stayed for the battle and paid attendance for the two days totaled only 271 paid attendees. This was a far cry from the 1,200-2,000 attending in years past. Despite the flood, a great showing of camp members turned out on Sunday too! Great job to all that helped.

Due to the light attendance during the last several years, the 13th SC and the Palmetto Battalion voted to conduct a living history event in conjunction with the lantern tour instead of a battle next year.

Final Roll for the Gist Camp

"Taps is sounded" yet again for one of our own. We mourn the loss of a faithful and dedicated camp member,

Compatriot Jerry Kay who passed away on Friday, October 22. Jerry had been sick for some time with a respiratory illness. He freely gave of his time, money, and talents in order to support the camp. We will always remember him at the Centennial Convention in Richmond. Pray for his wife, Phyllis and the rest of the family.

Camp Business November Meeting

The November meeting was held on November 7th. Commander Foster presented

an excellent program on battle flags of several Confederate units. He had miniature samples of these beautiful flags and passed these around. We all got a good feeling for the enormous variety of these flags.

New Members: Compatriots Danny Peeler and Kenneth Wells were sworn in at this meeting. Welcome both and their families at the Christmas party!

Micah Jenkins Camp #1569, Rock Hill—

"Honor the Gray!" Brian Cauthen, editor, 1882 Steeplechase Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732

Commander's Comments

At our last meeting we voted to receive Davis Timmerman as a new member. He and Steve Davis will be inducted as soon as their certificates come from Elm Springs. Davis' Confederate ancestor was Private Samuel Marion Walton, who was a member of Company B, Hampton's Legion.

"The Wilmington Race of Ed Walker"

"[Recently] Compatriot Ed Walker was at his home resting from a hard week's work when at 10:30 he received a call from a member of the Chester camp who informed him that someone was stealing Confederate crosses from the cemetery in York at the corner of College and Jefferson Streets. Compatriot Walker swiftly went into action, arming himself and setting out for York. On the way he decided it would be wise to raise the hue and cry; so he called Sheriff Bryant who directed him to the York City Police. It turned out that all three of them, Compatriot Walker, the member of the Chester Camp, and Officer Jenkins of the York Police Department, arrived at the same time. Alas! The thief was not to be found, but they did find that five crosses had been pulled up and were lying behind a tombstone. They are now in the custody of the York Police Department.

"Compatriot Walker, although disappointed at being unable to apprehend the rogue, 'We are pleased to have scared off the dastardly [blackheart] who tried to defile a Confederate grave.'

"We commend our fellow compatriot for his bravery and noble efforts in this matter which shows once again that eternal vigilance is the price of protecting Confederate graves."

—Submitted by Sam Mendenhall

"Remembering our Veterans..."

"James Harris, the Confederate veteran we remember this month, was a slave of Dennis Crosby who lived in the Bullocks Creek section of York County. In 1861, William Crosby, the son of Dennis Crosby, enlisted in Company E, 5th SC Volunteers. At the Battle of Second Manassas, young Crosby was severely wounded. Mr. Crosby sent James to care for his son, but he died after several months. At this point, James could have returned home or escaped to the Union lines. However, he did neither, but rather, he remained with the company where he served as cook for the rest of the war. He was with the Army at Appomattox.

"In 1923, the State of South Carolina granted him a pension for his service in the Confederate Army. James Harris died on January 7, 1924, and is buried in the St. Jones Cemetery in Sharon."

—Submitted by: Sam Mendenhall

Commander's Comments

Those of you who missed the October meeting missed a real treat, a tour of the "White Homestead" in fort Mill given by Ann Evans, wife of Compatriot Faron Evans. Some members of the confederate Cabinet, including Secretary of the Treasury, George Trenholm, spent the night of April 26, 1865, there. We held a brief camp meeting on the site of the last meeting of the Confederate

Cabinet held on April 27, 1865, which was trader the cedars on the front lawn.

We now have the Crosses of Honor, which were ordered from the McGowan Camp. Those who ordered them may pick them up at the November meeting. The cost is \$25 apiece.

Final Roll for the Jenkins Camp

We were all shocked and profoundly saddened by the death of our compatriot, Eddie Nicholson

on October 17. Compatriot Nicholson was a true son of the South and a worthy scion of Private E.V. Nicholson, 1st SC Cavalry, his Confederate ancestor. Eddie would have been pleased to know that the flag under which Private Nicholson fought draped his own casket.

We mourn his loss. We extend to his family our sympathy praying that our Heavenly Father will vouchsafe to them His peace and comfort, and that His all-sufficient Grace may be their portion. Peace to his ashes.

—Sam Mendenhall

Camp elections were held at the November meeting with the following results:

Commander—Roger Harley
1st Lt Cdr—Randy Cannon
Adjutant—Wayde Dominick

All were elected on unanimous vote, as each ran unopposed for the office.

Third Brigade News

Maxcy Gregg's Brigade



John M. Kinard Camp #35, Newberry—

"Newberry Reports," Charles Hanson, editor, 2702 Collinswood Dr., Newberry, SC 29108

Stan Clardy Concert a success!

The benefit performance at the Newberry Opera House was wonderful success with over 360 people in attendance. The financial goal of the Newberry Confederate Monument Restoration Project was reached, bringing an end to the fund raising part of the project. The camp extends a heart felt thanks to all those that assisted with the event, especially Stan Clardy and his wife, Cathy; Hugh Means of the 16th Regiment Camp, who headed up the Palmetto Gray Quartet, the other members of the quartet—Don Knight, Mark Petty, and Tony Vinskus; Everett Johnson, who portrayed General Lee; and members of the Palmetto Battalion and ladies that served as greeters for the evening.

Special guests in attendance for the evening included Mayor and Mrs. Ed Kyzer of Newberry and State Comptroller General Jim Lander and his wife Jolene.

'Ladies Night' was Another Success

About 30 members and guests attended our camp's annual Ladies Night on October 6. The highlight of the evening was the program presented by Glenn Dedmond of Aiken (sic—Johnston, SC).

This year's presentation of the Col. James D. Nance Award went to Adjutant Wayde Dominick.

Newberry Confederate Monument Restoration Project Update

The fund raising part of the Project has finally reached a conclusion. During the next several weeks, members of the Monument Restoration Committee will be busy working out the details on the restoration contract work to be performed by Wiley Brothers. Because we do not have an original list of names that were to be put on the monument, a consensus must be made as to the names that are currently listed on the monument as to spelling. Many letters on the monument look similar, there is a chip on the monument that has removed a first initial on one name. If anyone would like to offer their assistance to the committee in this endeavor, your help would be well received.

It is anticipated that during the first week in December, a contact for the restoration work to begin will be signed. The work will take three to four months. It is anticipated that the monument will be ready after May 1 for a dedication service. If it is scheduled for May, it will be in conjunction with the Confederate Memorial day Observances, but will be scheduled no earlier than mid May to ensure that the service date will not be in conflict with other services taking place in other parts of the State. An alternative date for the rededication will be toward the end of June to coincide with the original dedication date in 1880.

—Charles Hanson, Chairman of the Newberry Confederate Monument Restoration Committee

Milledge Luke Bonham Camp #48, Saluda—

"The Denny Dispatch," Roy Vendergrift, editor, 109 Angel St. Saluda, SC 29138-1001

Pine Grove School Improved by Bonham Camp Work Day

The Bonham Camp has real talent! I told Phil that his work looked easy, therefore it must be difficult. Compatriot Phil Metts operated a back hoe to dig a hole for our 'new'—used septic tank (yes, that's its own story); he dug the drain field, covered and smoothed the area and leveled a rock parking place, and made it look like a cake walk.

Shuler B., Dwayne B., Raiford K., who is talented at many jobs this time a transient; Andy, who strung wire for much-needed outlets in the school and then worked to beautify the OCR room. The Pine Grove fund is now almost gone... but well spent.

Bonham Camp's Southern Heritage Christmas Ball Saturday was held, December 4, 1999 8:00 pm at 'Uptown View' in Saluda, SC

Music for the event was mid-to-late Victorian period, and was provided by the Shaw Family & Friends. Mid 19th Century clothes were worn by many; however, semi-formal clothes were also in fashion, as well. Memories were captured in photograph professionally taken by R.J.'s Confederate Color Lab. Heavy hors d'oeuvres were served. This was an elegant affair attended by the local member of the SC Senate and the House of Representatives, also.

Wade Hampton Camp #273, Columbia—

"The Legionary," Arnold Huskins, Editor, 205 Shopshire Dr., Columbia, SC 29209



September Adjutant's Report by Marion Hutson

Compatriot E. M. Clark of the Lexington Camp gave an outstanding presentation on SC's Guardian Program at our August meeting. I would encourage each of you to tend a Confederate veteran's grave and start the process now to become a Guardian.

New members: Compatriots John R. Tate Jr., Bryan Wayne Walling, Sr., and Bruce Franklin Whetstone. Thank you for supporting our heritage!

October Adjutant's Report by Marion Hutson

The September meeting was a great success with a large turnout. Dr. Stephen R. Wise, director of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot museum at Parris Island, gave an outstanding presentation on the 1863 battle for Morris Island near Charleston. It was most informative and one of the best lectures I've heard on the fight at Ft. Wagner.

New Member: William Frazier, of Columbia. Thank you Compatriot Frazier for supporting our heritage!

Final Roll of the Hampton Camp:

I have sad news to report for another compatriot, Dr. Jean B. LaBorde, Jr., has passed away recently. Please remember his family in your prayers.

One of our last remaining Real Sons has passed away. Mr. Ernest Eugene McAlhenny died at the age of 102. He was a true Southern Gentleman and a Navy Veteran of World War I. He was active in the General Wade Hampton Camp #273, in Columbia, South Carolina, until the past two years. He had been living near family members in Marietta, Georgia, since his wife, passed away. He was still driving to meetings, by himself, at the spry age of 97.

The funeral was held at The Main Street United Methodist Church, 1830 North Main Street, Columbia, SC on Saturday, October 23rd, at 2:00. A Masonic service was performed after the regular service.

His charm, wit, and delightful stories about his father will be missed by all who knew him.

Gen. Wade Hampton Camp #273 Presents:

Stan Clardy's



'Soldiers in Gray: A Musical Journey'

January 20, 2000 6:30 PM Sewell's Restaurant 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC (Across from Entrance to SC State Fairgrounds) \$8.00 children age 4-12; \$12.00 per Adult. It is 'Ladies' Night' and children are encour-

aged to attend. Great Confederate Fellowship. RSVP to Rusty Rentz by Jan. 16, 2000 (803) 359-7507 after 6:00 PM (we need an accurate count for the restaurant.)

Joe Wheeler Camp #1245, Aiken—

"The Wheeler Dispatch," Winchester Smith, Editor, P.O. Box 444, Williston, SC 29853-0444

Our September meeting, a Ladies Night event, was an exceptional night. Everyone had a wonderful time and hope our ladies enjoyed being entertained and honored in this most Southern way. Special thanks to miss Ola Hitt for use of her beautiful and historic home. First time guests Keith and Cindy Kline (friends of the Arnetts) won the grand door prize, which was two tickets to the Newberry Opera House to see Stan Clardy's Soldiers in Gray, A Musical Journey. It was a pleasure to have our Brigade Commander Charles Hanson and his wife with us at Ladies Night, where he touched on various heritage issues.

Our speaker Esther Cope did a wonderful job by giving us a better understanding of the hardships that Southern Women faced, endured, and in many ways overcame during the war.

The speaker for our October meeting but was Lee Duvall who shared with the camp his trip to Virginia and his visit to Arlington and Hollywood cemeteries.

New Member: Keith Kline

The camp was shown a video of the condition and the appearance of a turn of the century school house. The school house was recommended for discussion only as a possible permanent meeting site and to be restored as a school house of that period. A vote will be taken in January as to whether or not to pursue this as a camp project. If approved we would then go before the Aiken County School Board for a possible lease of 50 years at a dollar a year as suggested by one of the members of the board.

We are still enjoying the catfish stew and nuggets from our November meeting. Our log cabin meeting was a hit once more as Mr. Osteen was as always a gracious host. Our speaker Tom Key's poems of true life experiences in re-enacting seem to come alive before us as we thought about our ancestors actually living in that terrible time of history.

Martin Witherspoon Gary Camp #1532—

"Bald Eagle," Rick Barbare, editor, P.O. Box 12, Trenton, SC 29847-0012 RickBarbare1@Juno.Com

The Camp's annual election of officers was held in November at Oakley Park in Edgefield. J.T. Minor was elected to his third term as commander. Compatriot Wayne Carpenter will assist him as 1st Lt. Com. David Satcher will serve as 2nd Lt. Com. Craig Morris was elected Adj./Treas. Rev. Rick Barbare will continue as Chaplain/News Letter editor; Ike Carpenter will serve as Color Sgt; Michael Crim is the new Heritage Chmn; and John Martin will serve as historian and camp photographer.

The Gary Camp hosted their wives and the UDC ladies at the December meeting. This was a Christmas Drop-in and ladies night. About 35 persons were in attendance.

The Camp has placed 85 VA markers in Edgefield County over the past two years.

Bernard E. Bee Camp #1575, Aiken—

"The Bee Cause," Roy H. Parrish, Jr., editor, P.O. Box 1863, Aiken, SC 29802-1863

Website for the Battle of Aiken—
www.battleofaiken.org
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News from the Camps in the SC Division

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Compatriot John Rigdon is the webmaster on this site.

November Camp Events

On Tuesday, September 28th, the following Compatriots of the B/G Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575 visited the Major General Ambrose Wright Camp of Evans, Georgia: Eugene Barron, Frank Stone, Herman Boland, and Danny Fodera. This is a new Camp and they are well on their way.

Saturday, October 2nd, the following members of the 14 South Carolina reenactor group participated in the Market day festivities at the Aiken County Museum: Jim Jacks, Herman Boland, Daniel Fodera, and John Jolley.

Thursday, October 7th, Commander Eugene Barron was the guest speaker at the Lt. Dixon L. Baker Camp #926 of Hartwell Georgia. His topic was the "Barron's that Served during the War Between the States." Accompanying Commander Barron were: Frank Stone Wayne Barron, Herman Boland, Rick Bernardi, and Jim Woodward.

Berry Benson Camp #1672, North Augusta, SC—

"The Sharpshooter," Jim Seawright, editor, (803) 279-6575

The Sharpshooter October 1999 E-Letter

Our annual "Stephen D. Lee Banquet" was held in Aiken, S.C., at the Aiken Municipal Building. We had door prizes and a silent auction. Food was provided by Sconyers' BBQ with a 5 star rating; some of the best BBQ I've put in my mouth. Mr. Sconyers was serving up the food and I think he may have enjoyed our banquet also. Our Guest speaker was the Gray Poet Phil Turner who recited some of his poems; what a great man he is to put into words our "Lost Cause." Many eyes had a tear in them as Phil spoke of our boys in gray and their flags, fights, symbols, and dying. Phil said that one-day he might have a book with all of his poetry. That is something to look forward to with great anticipation.

Benson Camp Guardians: Jason Goings, Frank Odum and Jim Seawright.

War Service Medal recipients: Ed Zeigler and John Harris for service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

New members: Grady Whitlaw and Richard McKinney.

Jason Goings received an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented by Esther Cope for the good job he has done as a teacher and spokesman of true history.

The Sharpshooter November 1999 E-Letter

Our October meeting was at the Sterling House we were told about Second Manassas by JIM Hinson from The Abbeville Camp and his wife who helped with the overhead drawings.

December Meeting was a time to remember our WWII members and held in Edgefield at Oakley Park on the 7th of December.

John Bratton Camp #1816, Winnsboro, SC—

Bratton Bulletin, Paul Nowlen, editor, PO Box 11, Jenkinsville, SC.

Gen John Bratton Camp 1816, Winnsboro, SC enjoyed a very special dinner/speech meeting on 10-12-99 at the Captains Galley in Winnsboro. 41 men and women attended.

Our guest speaker was noted WBTS author Morris Penny of Jacksonville, AL, who spoke on the subject of "Longstreet Quarrels with his Generals." Penny has written 2 books on the Alabama Brigade during the great conflict. *Struggle for the Round Tops* was chosen as the book of the month selection, Military History Book Club.

Camp 1816 is led by Commander Carroll Pope.

Fourth Brigade News

Joseph B. Kershaw Camp #82, Camden—

"The Long Roll," Jim J. Fox, editor, 9 Precipice Rd., Camden, SC 29020

Commander Fox recently wrote for copies of the Partisan for their new members. (We will be glad to accommodate any other Camps also for the cost of postage only.)

November Meeting

Subject: "the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia," and we had excellent turn out with Eleven Compatriots and Four new perspective members in attendance.

Our Newest and most far-flung Compatriot

An application and dues have been re-

ceived for membership from without question our longest distance applicant, **Mr. Mark Eccles-Smith**, of Millicent, South Australia. He has been accepted into ranks of our Camp. Mark has long been a student of Confederate History and due to the remoteness of his residence, spends his spare time in making Confederate uniforms and flags. He was discovered by Paul Spencer of the American Civil War Round Table of Australia and introduced to our historical community. Many of our Compatriots will remember Paul Spencer's visit and talk on Dr. George Rogers Clark Todd at the Camden Archives in May. Mark has been corresponding with members of our SCV and UDC and has shown more than a marked interest in South Carolina Confederate History in particular. He has also been made a member of Co. D of the 6th Rifles of the Hampton Legion Infantry of South Carolina and the American Civil War Round Table of Australia in his own country. He is a very active member in the Returned Service League of South Australia. (The RSL is the equivalent of our VFW.)

Recently both Mark Eccles-Smith and Paul Spencer were responsible for restoring several US Civil War Graves in Adelaide, South Australia. While there are no Confederate Graves locally, several Federal Graves were found and restored. A photograph has been submitted of one of these Graves Paul Spencer and Compatriot Eccles-Smith completed.

Malborro Camp #835, Bennettsville—
Last Roll of the Malborro Camp: Ralph "Casey" Jones.

Henry Laurens Benbow, Camp #859, Manning—

"The Benbow Banner," Muriel K Hanna, commander and editor, Rt. 1, Box 1189, Summerton, SC 29148

The October meeting featured Brig. Com. Linde Mabe and Camp Com. Muriel Hanna speaking on their visit to the Sons of Union Veterans of Ohio.

Pee Dee Rifles, Camp #1419, Florence—

The Pee Dee Patriot, Donald O'Neal, editor, 900 Beverly Drive, Florence, SC 29501

The September meeting featured Mr. James Owen speaking on his recent book *Generals at Rest*.

New Member: **Robert Jones**

P. G. T. Beauregard Camp #1458, Sumter—

The Beauregard Bugle, Arnold Hoskins, O.D., editor, P.O. Box 6535, Sumter, SC 29154-6535

Medal of Honor service for Lt. Charlie Jones Held in Manning on December 4th

The members of the Beauregard Camp hosted a special Confederate Medal Honor of Service for Charlie Jones on December 4th at the Clarendon Archives Building in Manning. During the service, the medal was presented to the Archives for display. Special guests included SC Division SCV Commander, State MOS&B Commander, and the UDC State President. The UDC provided the refreshments.

This event marks the third time the Beauregard Camp has had the honor of hosting a Confederate Medal of Honor service. Previously, Confederate medals were received for Lt. McQueen and Lt. Rafael Painpere.

Camp Extends Sympathy to Family of Compatriot Raymond Rollings, Sr.

The Beauregard Camp extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Compatriot Raymond Rollings, Sr. who passed away on October 12th at the age of 80. Compatriot Rollings was born in Pinewood, SC, graduated from NC State University, and served in the Air Force for 24 years. Lt. Col. (Ret.) Rollings is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; a son, Raymond Jr.; and a daughter, Corinne "Cookie" Rollings Jenkinson.

Fifth Brigade News

Hagood's Brigade



Col. Olin M. Dantzer Camp #73, Orangeburg—

The Edisto Rifle, Brian Cisco, editor, 151 Crosby St., Cordova, SC 29039

Former SC House member John G. Felder was the guest speaker at the September meeting. He shared his behind-the-scenes view of the politics behind the "Flag-Flap."

At the October meeting, Sam Reid presented "Sherman's destruction of Columbia." He included his ancestor's participation in the defense—Mayor Thomas Jefferson Goodwyn. Other speakers included Brigade Com. Michael Givens and SC Senator Brad Hutto.

At the November meeting the Camp was pleased to hear from Columbia Attorney Weston Adams on his Confederate Ancestors. Mr. Adams was President Reagan's ambassador to Malawi.

Rivers Bridge Camp #842, Fairfax—

"Buzz" Braxton, editor, The Bridge, Rt. 1, Box 81-M, Allendale, SC 29810
New Members: **Robert Brabham** and **Benjamin Malphurs**.

Rivers Bridge Float a Success

Rivers Bridge Camp #842 entered a float in the "Branchville Rayrode Daze Festival Parade" and won 2nd place noncommercial. This is history in the making. People from the streets were cheering when the float went by. Congratulations and thanks to all those who made it possible. Ed Moody, James Ray, Robert Brabham, Mike Keel, Ervin Shuler, Don Steedley, Edward Floyd, Robbie Loadholt, Steve Burr, Mole Funeral Home and Webb's Hardware deserve a rousing Carolina Rebel yell. Lets keep the float going in all the parades in our area to let the public what we are really all about. It really is heritage!

Last Roll of the Rivers Bridge Camp: Sammy T. Lee, Sr.

William H. Duncan Camp #1650, Barnwell—

Duncan Newsletter, 5612 Reynolds Rd., Blackville, SC 29817

New member: **Billy Parsons**

In October, the Camp hosted Dr. Tracy Powers, who spoke on his book *Lee's Miserables*.

At the November meeting Mr. Bill Hollingsworth spoke on General Patton's Confederate Ancestors.

Sixth Brigade News

Secession Camp #4, Charleston—

"The Sentinel," J. Barry Gooch, editor and publisher, 1804 Widgeon Rd., Moncks Corner, SC 29461
jbgooch@worldnet.att.net

New Members: **Michael Dixon, Basil Youngblood, Lee Wilson, Walker Wright, John Brannen, Tim Austin, and Johnny Wilbanks.**

New Camp Website: by Barry Gouch—

<http://www.worldnet.att/~secession4>

The speaker for the September meeting was Jerry Gowdy who spoke about SC History and her many patriots.

The big news from this Camp is recorded in the front page story on the reburial of the Hagood Stadium Confederate Veterans.

Ellison Capers Camp #1212, Moncks Corner—

"Capers Confederates," Randy Stewart, editor and publisher, P.O. Box 205, Isle of Palms, SC 29451-0205

The August meeting opened with a rousing talk from the Immediate Past SC Division Commander of the SCV, Chris Sullivan. His talk centered on the flying of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse. Chris believes that the worst enemy of the flag may be ignorance to its real meanings.

Bill Hutto announced that the final profit of the camp [drawing] was [encouraging]. It was decided to donate five copies of *The Last Rebel Yell* to the Berkeley County libraries and the books are now on order. Several new applications for membership were received, and Commander Tony Hutto displayed a Certificate of Appreciation from the SC Department of Transportation for our participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

South Cross of Honor Dedication held for Capt. David Silver, 88th NC Inf, CSA

July 4, 1999, Kona, NC
This is the beautiful view of the churchyard at the burial site of Captain David Silver in Kona, NC. Captain Silver is a Confederate ancestor of Compatriot Randy Stewart. A Confederate Iron Cross dedication ceremony was held here on July 24th planned by Gen. Ellison Capers Camp #1212.

Despite terrific early morning heat, and the threat of an afternoon storm, a very nice crowd of about 50 family and friends turned out, along with a large group of very well disciplined and trained reenactors, most of whom were members of the 25th North Carolina. There were SCV members from four different states participating in this ceremony, certainly a first for our camp. Members from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee fired salutes, gave speeches and greetings, and carried the colors.

Triple Southern Cross of Honor Dedication Held by Capers Camp

On August 21, 1999, General Ellison Capers Camp #1212 hosted a triple Confederate Honor Cross ceremony at the Weeks Family Cemetery near Moncks Corner to witness this occasion. A very nice crowd, of family and supporters turned out.

1st Lt. Commander Wayne Tallent, gave the dedication speech at the ceremony. Three replica Confederate Honor Crosses were placed on the gravesites of Confederate soldiers, including two of five Weeks brothers,

Message from the Commander

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and deceit created by the radical multiculturalists that are seeking to destroy our Southern Heritage and in turn the very foundations of our Christian civilization. Mainline denominations, university presidents, and other religious leaders have succumbed to a false sense of guilt about the connotation of the Confederate Battleflag to the minority population in South Carolina. They have capitulated to the notion that the "offense" must be removed for the sake of *Christian unity*. They in essence have misrepresented the Biblical principle taught by our Lord Jesus Christ about Christian unity. Jesus prayed, in John 17:22-23—"22 I pray "...that they may be one, even as we are one. ...". Oneness in the Triune God is what Christ meant not a sentimental oneness that "offends" no one! Unity is to be based upon a oneness in the truth of God revealed in Christ, not upon *not offending any particular ethnic group's sensibilities about history and heritage*.

The State and local Chambers of Commerce have engaged in fear-inducing tactics that strive to play on the emotions of those who imagine a severe downturn in the State's economy. Not one shred of evidence backs up this claim. To the contrary, every leading economic indicator suggests that South Carolina is enjoying unprecedented economic growth and prosperity and will continue to do so.

The mainstream leftist media has clamored incessantly for the Battleflag's removal. Their tired argument of "sovereignty" falls flat. The Battleflag was not hoisted as a sovereign emblem. The Battleflag does not represent a historical, sovereign government, but it was intended as a tribute the Confederate soldiers who fought from 1861 to

1865. The print media, with the completely-biased *State* newspaper in the vanguard, daily clamors for removal of the Battleflag that supposedly does not represent 30% of the state's population. Once again, the Battleflag does not represent 30% of the minority population or 70% of the majority population, for that matter. For all time it memorializes the sacrifice of the greatest generation of South Carolinians, either before or since the War for Southern Independence!

In the face of this seemingly unstoppable juggernaut of anti-Battleflag prejudice, there is reason to "stand true to the colors!" Despite the illusion of overwhelming support for removing the Battleflag, the majority of the citizens of South Carolina do not want to dishonor the Battleflag. It is up to us, the Sons of Confederate Veterans to give utterance to the silent majority that is growing tired of the continual attacks and fault finding with Southern culture and Confederate heritage.

There are five actions that every compatriot must take in order for us to successfully maintain the Battleflag's honorable station atop the Statehouse dome:

1. Contact your Legislative representation, without fail, and let him or her know your unflinching commitment to the Battleflag and your resolve to incorporate the Battleflag's status into a litmus test for your evaluation of political representation.

2. Contribute generously to the Division's ongoing campaign to coalesce public support for our Battleflag position. (Contributions should be sent to Adjutant Jason Goings or to me.)

3. Plan to be in Columbia on Saturday, January the 8th, 2000, for Southern Heritage Celebration 2000.

The South Carolina Division should be the best represented Division due to our close proximity, but the participation from our Compatriots, especially from North Carolina and Georgia, puts the pressure on us to show up at least 2000 strong! Encourage all family members, friends and associates to clear their calendars for what promises to be truly an historic occasion.

4. Engage in determined personal lobbying for the Battleflag. Seek to influence all that come within your sphere of influence. In anyone's daily routine, dozens of loyal Southerners can and should be encouraged to stand unwavering. Wear your SCV membership pin every waking hour of every single day. Abandon the custom of once a month for camp meetings and put your lapel pin on daily for effective testimonial both to the organization and the Cause.

5. Pray God's blessing on our effort. We can do no good thing in our own strength. We can accomplish more on our knees than on our feet.

Compatriots, now is the time to examine our hearts. If you do not feel that inner peace that comes from doing what is right no matter the consequences, I challenge you to consider the oath taken by every member upon examination and entrance into our most highly esteemed organization. I challenge you to both internalize and personalize the "Charge" given us by our ancestors through Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee. The battle line is drawn here in South Carolina. Let us make sure that, as Sons of the Old Palmetto State, we do not shirk our duty in what I believe will be regarded as our "finest hour."

In devoted service, I remain
Edmund B. Kitz
Daniel B. Vardin, III
Commander, South Carolina Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Get Your Copy of the 'Chester Convention Picture' off the Net



The photographer who took the picture at the Chester Convention has released the copyright. Scott Coleman has arranged for the picture to be edited slightly and placed at any SCV member's disposal free of charge. To get your copy, download full scale photo (468KB)... at:

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This was arranged by Gerald T. Goins (ggoins@celink.net).

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vention 2000 registration form is available—more information about our plans and the SCV tours will follow after the first of the year. When the SCV/MOSB registration form is ready, I will link to it also.

OCR Convention 2000 Chairperson SPECIAL ADVANCE NOTICE

the only ones who are apparently buried in this cemetery. The third Confederate was William Weld, a soldier from Georgia.

Fort Sumter Camp #1269, Charleston—

Recently held their meeting at the Charleston Club. Refreshments and a brief program were included.

SCV4 is taking advance orders for a limited number of the Confederate First National Flag and the Second National Flag. They will be flown over Fort Sumter this spring, will have a certificate of authenticity. They will be flown on a significant day (depends on the weather). They have ordered a set number, and they will be the only ones flown that day. The flags are 3 x 5 printed polyester. The price is \$35.00 each flag. This information will go on the website very soon, so order right away to reserve your flags.

Yours in Heritage and History
[<=], Anne Gelwicks

SCV Compatriot Donates Proceeds of 'SC in the WBTS'

CD-ROM Sales to Heritage 2000 Event

I have decided to donate my "Civil War in South Carolina CD-ROM" in support of the flag rally.

I normally sell this CD for \$35, but will give anyone a copy in exchange for a donation in support of the Flag Rally from now till the end of January 2000. I will donate up to 1,000 copies. Any donation amount that you can send is appreciated.

Ordering information is on my web site.

<http://www.researchonline.net/scwv>

—John Rigdon Lieut. Commander Barnard E. Bee Camp #1575 Aiken, SC

Reburial of 'Hagood Stadium' Confederate Veterans

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(10/24/64); T. G. Hatch (10/11/64); J. Howell (8/10/64); J. Rainey (8/10/64); and B. W. Shields (8/30/64).

North Carolina (army): J. L. Gariton, 22d NC (1864); J. L. Jacobs, Co. A, 22nd NC (8/31/64); L. P. Shultz, Co. A, 22nd NC; and William Yates (9/21/64).

Florida (navy): Carthgeen Lewis; John Housen; and Scott, ? (Surgeon). There are still some remains to be buried at a later date. These are the remains of the first Hunley crew that were buried there during the war after they drowned attempting to operate the world's first submarine. (These remains will be reinterred in the spring of 2000. It was thought that their presence at the burial on Friday would have detracted from the honor due the other soldiers in the Cemetery.) They will be reinterred in the plot donated by the Hunley family. Mr. Horace L. Hunley and the second crew of the Hunley were buried in this plot in Magnolia Cemetery after they were drowned in the submarine in November 1863. When the Hunley is raised from the sea in 2000, the remains of the third and final crew of the Hunley will be reinterred in that plot, as well.

Six or eight men are still unaccounted for in the Mariners Cemetery. These are expected to be found under the concrete pillars that support the stadium. The archeologists will resume their search when the stadium is razed early next year.

On Friday, November 12, 1999, the Confederate Heritage Trust sponsored a re-burial ceremony for the twenty-two men and one child who were exhumed from underneath Johnson Hagood Stadium at the Citadel. My wife and I attended this his-

toric ceremony. I was privileged to march in the procession that covered the 4.5 miles from the Battery in downtown Charleston to Magnolia Cemetery.

We arose at 5:00 am that morning and drove to Columbia for an early breakfast. We arrived in Charleston at 9:30 am and proceeded to White Point Gardens at the Battery. A large crowd of several thousand had already assembled there.

Seven artillery caissons were brought forward drawn by horses. The twenty-two soldiers' remains were placed on them, each draped with the Confederate Battleflag. The child's coffin was draped with the Confederate Second National Flag ("the Stainless Banner"), since he was a civilian.

At 10:00 a.m., I, as the Chaplain of the SC Division of SCV, was called upon to offer the opening prayer for the Ceremony. I offered a composite prayer, from the prayers for "Memorial Days" and the prayer "for

Our Country," based upon the 1928 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; we give thanks for all those your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. [We know you have granted] to them your mercy and the light of your presence, that the good work which you have begun in them may be perfected.

[We give thanks that you have] given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of

wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After I completed the supplication in behalf of those assembled, a reporter came forward and exclaimed, "You offered such a conciliatory prayer! What is your name?" I handed him my card and thanked him for his comment. It made me wonder what kind of prayer he thought I was going to offer. We are still a Christian people in the South, and we ought never to say anything that would reflect badly upon our ancestors, or displease our Lord. A public prayer is not the time to preach or criticize. It is the time to lift up our hearts to God for his blessing. Since I feel this way, I always use written prayers on ceremonial occasions. A burial ceremony deserves to be observed with dignity and respect.

The color guard led the way with the Confederate Battleflag, furled and tied with black crepe in respect for the dead. A black member of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment reenactment group carried the Stars and Stripes of the United States of America. A drummer corps composed of a boy reenactor and a man reenactor, and a Citadel Cadet came behind them. The clergy followed. (There were three of us.) Behind us were four members of the Washington Light Infantry. Behind were the horse-drawn caissons with the remains. Bringing up the rear were the Palmetto Battalion reenactment group, SCV members, and the Cavalry units on horseback. It was an impressive procession, stretching for several blocks.

The procession was immediately off after the prayer for the Cemetery. We wound up East Bay Street for an hour and a half before reaching the burial place.

State Senator Arthur Ravenel and his family came out of their East Bay Street residence and unfurled a Battleflag on their banister while we passed. I raised my hat to him in salute for all of his support for Southern Heritage. He saluted the Southern colors in return.

I was amazed by all of the people who came out from their places of business and witnessed the procession. Private schools let their students out, and office workers stopped work to pay their respects. All were respectful and reverent. Tourists were there on their morning walking tours, also. (I wonder if they thought this was a regular occurrence?)

I could not help feeling a bit of disappointment, also. If this had been 1899, instead of 1999, the whole town would have showed up to pay proper respect! The brave veterans of all wars deserve the respect of their people.

The funeral cortege arrived at Magnolia Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. The remains were unloaded from the artillery caissons by forty-six pallbearers. The coffins, made from pine artillery cases, were placed on the ground for the assembled group to pay their last respects. When this was done, I and an Episcopal clergyman led the pallbearers to the gravesite where the coffins were placed until the burial occurred at 2:00 p.m. The intervening time gave people the opportunity to tour the Cemetery and rest from the 4.5-mile procession.

At 2:00 p.m. Randy Burbage, President of the Confederate Heritage Trust, welcomed the assembly to the burial. Capt. S. R. Riggs, reenactor, read his poem "The Johnson Hagood Veterans." The poem was a moving account of the forgotten Confederates' thoughts as they lay underground at the Stadium during the years of their neglect. One poignant line bemoans the fact that occasionally through those years the dead heroes had heard their old National Anthem (Dixie) played above, but "something must have happened," they say, "because its strains haven't been heard there for a long time."

A Citadel bagpiper played "Amazing Grace". The vice-president of the CHT read Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "Crossing the Bar." Then, the congregation sang General Robert E. Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Bailey, pastor of St. Johannes Evangelical Lutheran Church read the "Order for the Burial of the Dead." His church officers had volunteered to allow the soldiers' remains to lie in state with the Confederate Battleflag on their coffins. Earlier, St. Michael's Episcopal Church staff had refused permission for soldiers to lie in state in their church with the Confederate Battleflag on their coffins. (What a sad state of affairs has descended upon St. Michael's since 1865!)

Several lay-readers read passages from the Scriptures. The sermon by Rev. Bailey was entitled, "An

Eternal Reach from 1864."

A Charleston Judge led the congregation in the singing of "Dixie" after the sermon concluded. The pallbearers took the single white rose on each coffin and presented them to the "official widows" in full-mourning clothes. Later, they were also given a Battleflag, as a real widow would have been given at the soldier's original burial.

The coffins were then placed in the ground in the order in which they were exhumed at the old Mariners Cemetery across town. The child was reburied between the two men he was buried with originally. Only one descendant of the soldiers was present—a Great-Grandnephew of Frank Medaris, a Georgia soldier. Medaris' relative was presented a Battleflag.

Following the reinterment there was a twenty-one gun rifle and then, a twenty-one artillery-piece salute. Approximately fifteen field pieces fired one round every fifteen seconds, which meant that seven fired twice. It was deafening, but appropriate for the ceremony.

A Citadel cadet played "Taps." A reenactor closed the ceremony with the playing of "Confederate Tattoo" on his bugle. Afterward, the pallbearers walked around the mass grave and gently placed hands-full of soil over the small coffins.

By this time it was 3:00 p.m., and my wife and I had to leave in a hurry to make the 3:45 p.m. parade at the Citadel. (Our youngest son, John, is a 3rd Class Cadet there.)

This was a busy weekend with Homecoming at the Citadel and the Reenactment of the Battle of Secessionville (held annually at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant). Despite all of the hurrying about, I would not have missed this event. It was one of the most moving of my life.

In closing I say to the soldiers, "Rest in peace, Valiant Warriors. You kept faith with your generation. God will vindicate your neglect by this generation."

Deo vindice!



A large crowd gathered at the gravesite. It included official mourners who stood in for the widows and family of the Confederate Veterans.



Sons of Confederate Veterans 2000 South Carolina Division Convention March 31 & April 1, 2000



REGISTRATION FORM

Pee Dee Rifles Camp No. 1419
819 Eleanor Drive
Florence, SC 29505

Accommodations: Ramada Inn
I-95 & US 52
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Florence, SC 29501-1399
(843) 669-4241

Please Print or Type

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Rank, Title, and/or Real Son: _____

Registration Fee: \$30.00 each (no. of persons) _____ \$ _____

(Includes Friday night social, Saturday lunch and lunch entertainment; Tea for guests)

Late Registration (after March 1st) \$40.00 \$ _____
(Meals for convention Day Registrants Are Limited)

Ancestor Memorial (Before March 1st) \$5.00 each \$ _____

Display Table for SCV Camps \$15.00 \$ _____
Type of display, items for sale _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Pee Dee Rifles Camp No. 1419
819 Eleanor Drive
Florence, SC 29505

Questions? Call: Convention Chair Allen Kelly (843) 662-0100 or Adjutant Marvin Privette (843) 667-8602

Room rates are \$48.95 + tax for single or double occupancy. This will apply until March 1, 2000. Tell the hotel you are with SCV when registering. Limited number of rooms available.

(See "Ancestor Memorial Order Form";
Photocopy multiple copies for more than one ancestor
and attach them to your application.)

October 1999 Palmetto Partisan Application Copy

Many thanks to all who helped with the mailing of the October 1999 Palmetto Partisan. Danny and Kim Verdin, my wife, JoEllen, and mother, Gay B. Purvis. Thanks also to W. W. Mims, editor of The Edgefield Advertiser who printed it.

You may want to photocopy the Registration Form and the Ancestor Memorial Form.

The deadline for the next issue is 31 March 2000. This will be the "Confederate Memorial Day Issue." It would be good to have stories of ancestors and reunions from the past to include in this issue.

New Addresses for Division Staff Officers:

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Ancestor Memorial Order Form

(Copy multiple times for more than one ancestor, enclose \$5.00 each, and attach to your Convention "Registration Form")

Ancestor will appear in the program. Deadline is 1 March 2000

Your Name: _____

Camp Name: _____

Ancestor Name & Rank: _____

Company & Regiment: _____